

# Conisbrough Parks Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 IN THE CHURCH, CHURCH LANE CLIFTON.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Gran (Chair), Cliff, Manning North and Peat

**Also present:** the Clerk to the Council P. Wilkinson

### 1. APOLOGIES

DMBC Ward Cllr Pearson submitted his apologies

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Cllr Peat declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 (Planning Application 20/00768/FUL).

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

It should be noted that the validity of the comments made by DMBC Councillors, as recorded in the minutes, cannot be confirmed as they do not see them in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th February 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

Minute No.4. *Councillors said that there was no evidence of a litter pick having been done between Five Lane Ends and Shipman Balk.*

Minute No. 4. *Cllr Manning said that the grass verges along Common Lane to Denbrook Lane had still not been cut. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported directly to DMBC (Reference no. 201001248526)*

Minute No.4. *The Clerk informed Councillors that the clearing of the drains and the curtilages around the drains had been reported directly to DMBC (Reference No. 201001248538). Cllrs Gran and Peat said that the drains in Beacon Square had been inspected but not yet cleared.*

Minute No. 4. *The Clerk informed Councillors that no response had yet been received from Wadworth Parish Council regarding the 'straight mile'.*

Minute N0. 16. *In view of the coronavirus pandemic and government restrictions on public gatherings Councillors decided to postpone the event marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020, but to retain the bell ringing if possible.*

### 5. POLICE AND CRIME REPORTS

Cllr Manning informed Councillors that there was a serious road accident at Five Lane Ends on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

There were no other police or crime reports.

### 6. REPORTS FROM DMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

There were no Ward Councillors in attendance to give any reports.

Signed.....Chair

## 7. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had forwarded the following items of correspondence to Councillors since the last Meeting:

YLCA – White Rose Updates 28.02.20, 06.03.20 & 13.03.20

YLCA – Training Programme April to September 2020

YLCA – Coronavirus: Keeping the Council Functioning

YLCA – Coronavirus: Meetings & Administration of the Council

YLCA – Coronavirus Advice

YLCA – Postponement of PC Elections to May 2021

DMBC – Permanent Traffic Regulation Order (50 mph A630 & Old Road, Conisbrough) - Councillors had no objections

DMBC – PC JCC Meeting 11.03.20 Agenda Papers

DMBC – Planning Application 20/00768/FUL (High Barn, Beacon Lane) – agenda item 11

Letter from prospective house buyer re. Maggot Farm – Respond saying not operational for at least 12 months and no smells at the moment, but no guarantees about what might happen on the site in the future. This is an issue for the buyer’s solicitor to investigate and advise on.

Braithwell & Micklebring PC – Offer to join initiative to help ‘vulnerable’ people in Braithwell, Micklebring and Clifton during government restrictions in response to coronavirus pandemic. Councillors agreed to work in partnership.

## 8. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the review of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders was now due and particularly as NALC had recently issued new model documents. Following discussion at the last meeting the Clerk had circulated to Councillors draft documents which were based on the models issued by NALC. Councillors discussed the matter.

**RESOLVED:** that the revised versions of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders be adopted.

## 9. PAYMENTS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND PAYMENTS DUE

The Clerk confirmed that there had been one payment made since the last meeting i.e. £198 for the hire of the Church Hall for the Parish Council meetings during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. In addition, the Clerk’s annual salary for 2019/2020 was now due.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk’s gross annual salary be paid by cheque.

## 10. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2020/2021

DMBC has provided a price for the grounds maintenance contract which involves cutting the grass and maintaining the play area in Clifton. Councillors discussed the matter and asked the Clerk to ascertain what the proposed work entails prior to agreeing to the contract. In addition, an updated map showing the grounds maintenance to be carried out each year in Clifton by DMBC was requested.

## 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk informed Councillors that there has not yet been any feedback regarding planning applications 19/03028/FUL (Beacon Ridge), 19/00367/FUL (Woodview Stables) and 20/00334/FULM (Crematorium).

Signed.....Chair

It was noted that the Parish Council's comments regarding planning application 19/03028/FUL (Beacon Ridge) are not shown on the DMBC website. The Clerk will make enquiries as to why.

Cllr Peat left the meeting prior to Planning Application 20/00768/FUL (High Barn) being considered. Councillors discussed the application and raised no objections.

## **12. DOG FOULING/DOG CONTROL**

The DMBC Officer intending to come along to the meeting submitted her apologies due to the Council's urgent change in policy regarding attending meetings after the government guidelines issued in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Councillors raised the following points and the Clerk will submit them electronically to the DMBC Officer:

- Can it be enforced that dogs should be on leads when in a village like Clifton where there are no roadside pavements for pedestrians & dogs to walk on and numerous footpaths/bridleways used by walkers and horse riders? Cllr Manning made Councillors aware of a letter which appeared in the Doncaster Free Press on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 regarding a £100 fixed penalty fine that was issued to a dog owner for not having his dog on a lead when walking round Lakeside.
- What is the correct signage regarding dog fouling/dog control and the penalties that can be applied?
- Can a visit be made to Clifton village to look at the DMBC dog fouling/dog control signs that have been on display for several years and can they be replaced if they are not in line with the current legislation/regulations?
- Can the 'Dogs Not Allowed' sign which has been removed from the Play Area be replaced by DMBC?

## **13. ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr North expressed concern at the number and depth of the potholes on Clifton Hill.

Cllr Manning raised the following items:

- The potholes in Clifton village now have yellow paint around them. Does this mean that their repair is imminent?
- A bed and furniture were dumped on Shipman Balk between 8.00pm and 9.45pm on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and are awaiting removal.
- A burnt out car was left on Green Balk but was then removed very quickly.
- Can DMBC use covert cameras to tackle the curse of fly-tipping?
- He is of the opinion that three DMBC recycling centres have been closed or are due to close in order to carry out essential works but only two (Carcroft & Rossington) are mentioned in the advert which appeared in the Doncaster Free Press on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Which is the third?

## **14. TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Councillors provisionally arranged the next meeting for 7.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 but this could change in accordance with any government guidelines/restrictions which are in force at the time.**

Signed.....Chair

